

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

School Committee Conference Room
Emerson School
Bolton, MA

May 6, 2015

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Cathy Thier, Julie Fay, Lynn Colletti, Nicole Odekirk, Kara Keith and Lorraine Romasco

ADMINISTRATION IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Wood, Superintendent of Schools, Georg King, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Federspiel called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the School Committee Conference Room, Emerson School, Bolton, MA

Student Advisory Report

Ms. Kirschbaum reported

- Nashoba is having a great Spring so far.
- Mr. Burke's Freshman English class put on Romeo and Juliet last month in the auditorium.
- Nashoba Art Show was last week. Art from all of the classes including photography, ceramics, printmaking, drawing, and painting were displayed. There was also a tribute to Michelle Farnsworth. Artwork was part of her therapy and all of her work was displayed.
- Nashoba's French students went on the French exchange trip a few weeks ago. The students visited Paris and many of the famous landmarks there. They also attended school with their exchange students who came to Nashoba earlier this year.
- On May 1st the seniors celebrated decision day by wearing their college apparel.
- Students are also looking forward to the Bubble Soccer Tournament on Friday.
- 9 Nashoba DECA members attended Nationals in Orlando last week and did a great job!
- The Juniors are getting excited for Prom next Saturday, which will be at Mechanics Hall and after-prom will be at Orchard Hills.
- Relay-for-Life is being held at Nashoba at the end of the month.
- AP tests are happening this week and next week and Seniors are looking forward to senior week. Senior picnic and awards night is on June 1st, the senior trip to the Red Sox is on June 2nd, and senior banquet is on June 4th.
- The Jazz Bands have their last performance on Friday, which will be featuring senior solos.
- The Good Young Movement is fundraising to get clean water to people in need and for relay for life.

NEW BUSINESS

Athletic Director's Winter / Spring Update

Ms. Rich provided the 2014-2015 Winter /Spring sports update for athletics in the district. [Click here](#) to view the report.

Emerson Study Presentation

Ms. Linstrom, Interim Coordinator of Health and Wellness and Emma Caviness, the Student Rep on the Health Advisory Council provided an overview of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. Ms. Linstrom provided a historical and procedural review of when the survey started and the process of the survey. Ms. Linstrom reviewed some of the “concerning” slides from the data presentation. Ms. Fay questioned what the district does with the data especially involving the high stress related to academic pressure. Mr. Wood advised this data is given to the school administration and school councils and he will be meeting with HS and Middle School administration to examine strategies to address this. The committee discussed their concern over the amount of homework middle school and high school students receive as a contributing factor to their stress. Mr. Wood advised the school improvement plans will have a goal on this topic.

Town Meeting Overview

Members of the committee provided an overview of their respective town meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities and Finance SubCommittee

Ms. Busch reported the warrants were approved and the committee discussed a breakdown analysis in the fall reviewing the budget in sections at each finance meeting.

Personnel SubCommittee

Ms. Federspiel reported the committee has meet twice to discuss the Superintendent’s evaluation, the summary is complete but it will not be discussed tonight because it was not completed in time for the committee to review prior to the meeting. Ms. Federspiel advised the committee will receive the summary in the next couple days and it will be discussed at the next school committee meeting.

Policy SubCommittee

Ms. Odekirk reported the committee discussed the building use policy at the last meeting and Michael is putting together recommendations on restricting room use of the buildings, the committee also met with the LTA parent group and will be presenting a policy for first reading at the next school committee meeting. Ms. Odekirk also reported the district climate survey resulted in 63% response rate, the district arrogate is included and a full report will be presented at a future meeting.

ESBC

No Report

NRHS Space Study Task Force

Ms. Romasco reported the interim report has been finalized and approved. Members of the task force will be presenting the report at a future school committee meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Board of Selectmen from Lancaster and Bolton memos
Responses to BOS from Chair and Superintendent

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Wood reviewed his Superintendent’s report; (*The Superintendent’s Report is available in its entirety on the NRSD website, www.nrsd.net.*)

Topics included:

- Staffing Changes
- Town Meetings
- Policy
- Foundation Budget Review Commission
- Educator Evaluation Committee
- The Center School Principal Search
- Interest Based Bargaining Training

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

April 24, 2015 Warrants

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3481	04/24/15	VENDOR	\$ 560,139.95
3482	04/24/15	BENEFIT	\$ 49,019.71
3483	04/24/15	PAYROLL	\$1,348,207.02

May 8, 2015 Warrants

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3484	05/08/15	VENDOR	\$ 208,558.20
3485	05/08/15	BENEFIT	\$ 663,350.06
3486	05/08/15	PAYROLL	\$1,216,220.28

Minutes of April 8, 2015

ACTION ITEMS

- Space Study Task Force report out
- Climate Survey results report
- Superintendent’s Evaluation

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Committee went into Executive Session at 7:47 pm for the purpose of reviewing and approval of executive session minutes, to include Michael Wood, George King and Aleta Masterson with the only business to be conducted after the executive session is to adjourn the regular meeting.

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:47 pm for the purpose of reviewing and approval of executive session minutes, to include Michael Wood, George King and Aleta Masterson with the only business to be conducted after the executive session is to adjourn the regular meeting.; seconded by Lorraine Romasco.

- Ms. Federspiel Yes
- Ms. Busch Yes
- Ms Romasco Yes

Ms. Odekirk	Yes
Ms. Colletti	Yes
Ms. Keith	Yes
Ms. Fay	Yes
Ms. Thier	Yes

MOTION

Kara Keith made a motion to reconvene to open session at 8:00 pm; seconded by Maureen Busch

Ms. Federspiel	Yes
Ms. Busch	Yes
Ms Romasco	Yes
Ms. Odekirk	Yes
Ms. Colletti	Yes
Ms. Keith	Yes
Ms. Fay	Yes
Ms. Thier	Yes

MOTION

Julie Fay made a motion to adjourn at 8:01 pm; seconded by Maureen Busch pm **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Lynn Colletti, Nicole Odekirk, Cathy Thier, Lorraine Romasco, Kara Keith and Julie Fay **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

Submitted by
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant

Meeting Materials provided tonight can be located at www.nrsd.net

School Committee Meeting recordings can be viewed at: [Click Here](#)

Reference Documents/ Presentations

Agenda
Nashoba Winter Athletics Report 2014-2015
Nashoba 2014 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (Emerson Study)
NRSD 2015 Climate Survey Results
Superintendent's Report
Meeting Minutes of 4/8/15

Correspondence

Bolton BOS Memo
Response to Bolton BOS.michael
Response to Bolton BOS.nancy
Lancaster BOS Letter
Response to Lancaster BOS